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# The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1858.

## Exempts.

An adjourned meeting of the ASSOCIATION OF EXEMPT FIREMEN OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, will be held on Monday evening next, August 23d, at 8 o'clock, at the HALL OF SANBOME HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 3.

Every member is requested to be present, as the election for officers will take place on that evening; and none but those who have signed the constitution, will be allowed to vote.

The constitution is now ready for signatures at the office of this paper.

By order, MARCUS D. BORUCK,  
Secretary pro tem.  
SAN FRANCISCO, August 21st, 1858.

## Col. Florence Mahony.

By the arrival of the "Golden Gate" on Sunday last, the melancholy and entirely unexpected intelligence was received of the death of Col. Florence Mahony, ex-President of the San Francisco Fire Department, and for many years one of the most energetic and active members of the association. Col. Mahony left this city on the "Golden Gate" on the 5th of July, ard from the time of leaving port until his death, was seriously indisposed. Upon his arrival at Acapulco, he rallied somewhat, but relapsed and died on the 14th inst. Every care and attention was bestowed upon him that was possible, on the part of his friends, and those belonging to the ship, but all of no avail. He was buried in the Gulf of Tehuantepec, the prayers of the Episcopal Church being read over him by Captain R. L. Whiting, then in command of the "Gate." Every effort was made to keep the body of Col. Mahony and bring it to this city for interment; J. M. Merrill of Howard 3, and Wilson Eldridge of Monumental 6, being on board at the time, offering to bear all the expenses, but for reasons not necessary to mention here, it was found impossible.

Col. Mahony was one of the early pioneers of California, and established in business as one of the firm of Case, Heiser & Co.; and in all his transactions, and the vicissitudes of his business relations, he was looked upon as an honorable, upright, and conscientious man. He joined the Fire Department in its infancy, attaching himself to Howard 3, and afterwards joining Sansome Hook and Ladder 3; his certificate in that company dating April 19th, 1851. He was thorough fireman in his feelings, impulsive and ambitious; sympathizing with his brethren in all the changes of life. In his advocacy of any policy in connection with the Department, he was most assiduous and pernicious, and never rested until his object was accomplished, as in the case of No. 14. As a man, fireman, and delegate, he was respected by all who came in contact with him; and while differing with others on men and measures, honesty of motive was always imputed to him. We shall await the arrival of the new "7" with some anxiety, as every improvement upon fire engines which tends to increase their power and at the same time simplifies their construction, commands our warmest sympathy.

Now this is the engine recommended by Chief Engineer Whitney, and not an engine inferior to it in every way, brought out here simply for speculative purposes by Mr. Lane, and which was sold to the Hudson Bay Company for \$1,700, and which he desired to sell to the city for \$2,500.—The engine which Mr. Lane agreed to furnish his company, or rather a portion of it, now reposes on the shelves of Hunnenman's manufactory, in consequence of Mr. Lane's non-fulfillment of his contract with the builder.

In the card emanating from Volunteer 7, it is made to appear, that the city has paid but little towards its maintenance; but that is a matter of difference of opinion, and we will endeavor to show by facts and figures, why we think the card of No. 7, is essentially wrong. What the expenses of the company were, prior to their being admitted into the Department, have no bearing upon the matter at issue; but for the sake of argument, we will allow them.

The card states that the company served the city for one year, until June, 1854, at expense to themselves of \$2,347; and from that time, until February, 1858, a period of three years and nine months, were compelled to meet an expense of \$5,171, making with the other \$7,518. In addition to this expense, we find, on reference to the books of the Fire Department, that while all this immense outlay was being made by the members of the company, the city was called upon to meet the following demands made upon the treasury, incurred in the support of Volunteer 7:

1854.—Aug. 16 Repairing house of No. 7....\$ 190 00

Sept. 20 Paid John C. Lane for work done on 7's houses..... 535 00

Sept. 26 Raising house of No. 7..... 1604 25

Jan. 8 Applegate & Haskell, repairs, painting, etc., on No. 7..... 245 00

Feb. 12 Solder, Paint, lumber for the new No. 7..... 152 00

March 6 Applegate & Haskell, repairs on No. 7..... 250 00

" 19 Owner & Sickles, rope for No. 7..... 18 40

June 9 House for No. 7..... 5600 00

" Lot for No. 7..... 14 00

Nov. 22 Berry & Co., work done on No. 7..... 14 00

Sept. 22 Nedus & Ayres, work on No. 7..... 31 00

Nov. 2 Couplings for 7..... 14 00

Dec. 21 J. Berry & Co., work done on No. 7..... 14 00

1855.

May 18 John L. Ottignon, work on No. 7..... 19 00

" 27 John L. Ottignon, work on No. 7..... 4 00

June 12 Nedus & Ayres, work on Volunteer 7..... 14 00

" 29 Nedus & Ayres, work done on No. 7..... 62 00

Sept. 20 John L. Ottignon, work on No. 7..... 92 00

Oct. 4 John L. Ottignon, work on No. 7..... 9 00

Nov. 25 C. Walsh, work for No. 7..... 7 00

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Feb. 22 John L. Ottignon, work on No. 7..... 5 75

March 19 C. Walsh, work for No. 7..... 12 00

Total.....\$15,928 65

It will be seen by this statement, which is correct in every particular, that independent of the amount disbursed by the company, the city has paid out \$15,928 65 for its support.

In referring to this subject, and without being considered invidious, we must particularize and give all praise to Messrs. Lane, Benchley, and Tennent, who compose the Fire and Water Committee, of the Board of Supervisors. Those gentlemen have always acted with an evident wish to do all that was consistently in their power to advance the interests of the Fire Department, and to whom the organization under especial obligations.

Mr. Lane having resigned as Chairman of the Fire and Water Committee, on account of being on several other important committees, Mr. Thomas Tennent, a man well known to the entire Department, for his honorable, upright, and benevolent course of conduct, and one who will do his duty regardless of all indifference, has been placed in his stead.

Organization.—There should be a grand celebration on the introduction of the Benney Water Works into the city. Who seconds the idea?

## Volunteer 7.

There was published last week a long card from Volunteer 7, setting forth the grievances and hardships of that company since its advent into the Fire Department. In regard to that portion which is particularly composed of hints and innuendoes against the Chief Engineer, as to the probable motive power of his desire to disband No. 7, we have nothing to say, but in regard to the engine which Chief Engineer Whitney recommended the Board of Supervisors to purchase, and the expenses of the company, we have something to say.

Mr. Lane left this city in March, 1856, for the Atlantic States, on matters of business, and also for the avowed purpose of procuring a "large and powerful engine" for the use of his company, a draft of which was presented at a meeting of the same, prior to Mr. L.'s departure. The cost of the engine was to be \$6,000. Mr. Lane returned to this city on Tuesday, October 14th, 1856.—Upon his arrival here, he met the editor of this paper and gave him the items which made up the following article, published by him, on October 18th, 1856:

**VOLUNTEER 7.—**The new Hunnenman engine, purchased by Mr. John C. Lane, the Foreman, for Volunteer No. 7, at a cost of \$7,000, is to be a very superior apparatus. His cylinders are eight inches. Unlike the other Hunnenmans' here, she is to have two beams; her suction is to be carried under the ground, the engine rising high above the box, coming up between the two beams—

That part of the chamber above the edge of the box, are to be highly polished, as well as all the spool for the rope is placed at the base of the tongue; very elegant scroll work rises from the standards on either side, from which is to be suspended a magnificent lantern, upon each side of which is to be a clear sounding bell. The color of the engine is to be white, and it will be painted and embellished in the most elegant manner—

The engine will be completed and in the possession of the company about the first of May.

## From our Regular Correspondent.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 19, 1858.

*Editor Fireman's Journal*.—Since your last issue the fires and alarms may be summed up as follows:

On Sunday morning, about 5 o'clock, the entire Department at the instance of 3's bell were called out to extinguish a pile of rubbish on 5th street, between K and L, was done with but little difficulty by a hydrant stream from No. 4.

About an hour later, the Department rallied to subdue a fire at the house of Neptune Hose Company, which is located on the corner of 4th and J streets.

Mr. Hossefross rose to address the Chair, and was called to order by Mr. Jones; who said he was one of the party charged, he could not speak or argue the case.

Mr. Hossefross stated he merely rose for information.

The Chair decided Mr. H. out of order.

Mr. Rand rose for information, if the charges were now dismissed, could they not be brought against the proper parties?

The Chair said they could

One being detected, would put an end to

revengeful recklessness. On Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock, the building formerly called the "Diana," on J street, between 2d and 3d streets, was discovered to be on fire, and despite the efforts of our gallant boys, the old frame was consumed.

The "Fashion" building adjoining caught several times on the roof and would have been destroyed had it not been for the timely assistance given by Mr. P. Holland, who "shone" up to the roof and extinguished the fire with buckets of water.

No. 3, had first water at this fire.

Mr. Riker of No. 1, has been lying dangerously ill, for several days past, but at the time of writing this, he is said to be better; his disease is dropsy.

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**Official.**

MARYSVILLE March 31st, 1858.

M. D. BURKE, Esq., Editor Fireman's Journal:  
Will you please announce to the firemen throughout the State, that the Board of Directors of the State Fair, to be held in this city in August next have determined to award the following prizes to the best playing engines of the 1st and 2d class.

Apparatus not in use by regularly organized fire companies will not be allowed to compete for the prizes.

To the winner of the first prize, four hundred dollars.

To the winner of the second prize, two hundred dollars.

To the winner of the third prize, one hundred dollars.

Classification of the engines and all matters appertaining to the playing of the different matches to be arranged by the Judges of the same, on the day before the contest shall take place.

The following named gentlemen have been selected as Judges.

Franklin E. R. Whitney, Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department.

J. A. Rombard, Chief Engineer of the Stockton Fire Department.

Joseph S. Friend, Chief Engineer of the Sacramento Fire Department.

William Jones, Chief Engineer of the Placer County Fire Department.

John Swigwick, Chief Engineer of the Sonora Fire Department.

Thos. D. Wells, Chief Engineer of the Jackson Fire Department.

P. J. Welsh, Chief Engineer of the Marysville Fire Department.

Frederick D. Kohler, Ex Chief Engineer San Francisco Fire Department.

A. W. Nightingale, Ex Chief Engineer Marysville Fire Department.

John M. Haskell, of the Columbia Fire Department.

S. P. Fair, Chief Engineer of the Yreka Fire Department.

John B. Hewson, of the San Jose Fire Department.

JOHN C. FALL.  
President State Agricultural Society,  
John A. Paxton,  
Treasurer State Agricultural Society,  
G. N. SWEEZY,  
1st Vice President State Agr. Socy.

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**MAGUIRE'S OPERA HOUSE,**  
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**MRS. WOOD.**

THIS EVENING, AUGUST 21, will be presented the Operatic Legendary Drama entitled

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Kate Kearny, with songs and dance..... Mrs. Wood  
Squire Lynch..... Mr. Mitchell  
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Mr. Rand  
Miss Ryan..... Mr. Glover

The performance will conclude with the farce of **SOME BODY ELSE**, with song..... Mrs. Wood

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Dress Circle..... \$ 1 | Parquette..... 50¢  
Private Boxes..... 10 | Orchestra Seats..... 80¢

Box Office open at 7 o'clock. Commence at 7.

When seats can be secured..... 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

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The above can be seen by application to,

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**SIX NEW BILLIARD TABLES,** NO. 89 Montgomery street between California and York. The undersigned respectfully announces to Billiard players that he opened the above beautiful, well-lighted and spacious room, containing six tables, 80 and 90 inches square, and twenty feet of suction hose in two side pipes.

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J. L. RIDDLE & CO.,

RESPONSIBLY INFORM THEIR FRIENDS

that they have taken the new and spacious rooms above the corner of Montgomery and York streets, for the purpose of transacting the Agency and Commission business in the City.

The undersigned respectfully invites all persons who are open to conviction, that the California proprietors of the Agricultural, Horticultural and Mineral resources of our State, are desirous of having their experience and knowledge made available to the public, to whom they can communicate, directly or indirectly, the display, and to secure the approving smiles and general approbation of the public.

The advantages which we derived from our first exhibition are so numerous and so obvious, as to have secured the attention of spectators and those who have aided them in the enterprise, that the public generally will be interested in the progress and welfare of our State.

That exhibition presented in a tangible form, undeniably established the fact, that it will be of great service to the public, to have a permanent exhibition upon the ground, to be open to the public, and to be conducted by a committee of men, who are well acquainted with the wants of the community, and latent talents were aroused and directed to the channels of usefulness before thought of. All this must stand to the credit of the undersigned.

The present Director of the Institute, with the light of experience shed before him by the great and successful predecessors, and with the precedent already set established, beyond a doubt, that an Industrial Exhibition can be conducted successfully, and to a successful termination, upon the task before the Institute.

While it will be the constant aim of the undersigned to make the exhibition a success, it will be the duty of the new Board to insure the safety of those of the old in their conduct of the exhibition, action, it will be their steady care to avoid, if possible, and to prevent such experience may have detected in the working operations of the system, and to do all in their power to "entice" the public to the exhibition, to "call" the public to the exhibition, to "entice" the public to the display, and to secure the approving smiles and general approbation of the public.

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